

STOCK MARKET Little Activity and That Confined to a Few Specialties.

FURTHER LOAN CONTRACTION Has Had the Inevitable Effect of Speculation Although a More Favorable Bank Statement is Looked for To-Day.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—The stock market felt a degree higher to-day towards the close of the activity, such as it was, showed an added tendency to centre in a few speculative specialties. Tennessee Coal was relatively much more prominent than for some time, and received an extreme decline of 6 1/2 points. American Tobacco showed the continued effects of the pressure to which it has been subjected recently up to the time of the announcement of the declaration of the regular dividends. The weakness in these two stocks served to hold down the market, which showed a tendency to advance from an early period in the day. Better advice from abroad made the opening of the market somewhat brighter, and additional engagement of \$750,000 in gold in London for import added to the confidence that the exchange situation admitted of improvement.

The continued high price of money in spite of the gold announcement, served as a set-back to the advance, as was the case yesterday, but in the day rumors were industriously circulated of the early approach of gold imports on a large scale. At the same time the money rate was actually higher, and the market materially under cover of this requirement, and of what were called commissions there was room for considerable manipulation of the market rate. This was the time in the loan market, in which there was considerable demand for short loans, and as in the case of the latter, the margin required was widened materially under cover of this requirement, and of what were called commissions there was room for considerable manipulation of the market rate.

As far as stock market operations go there is evidently been a further contraction of loans. The character of the statement will largely depend on how far the demand for money is met. Preparations for October 1st settlements has offset this contraction. The movement of prices in the railroad list was very narrow. A. T. & O. showed a decline in price, and demand on account of its August statement, and Southern Pacific rose quite strongly late in the day. The stringency of the money market was not reflected in the sterling exchange rate, in spite of the further advance in the private discount rate in London.

The bond market was without any special feature, but was inclined to firmness. Total sales, par value, \$1,000,000. United States 5 1/2 declined 1/2 and old 4 1/2 coupon 1/2.

The total sales of stocks were 306,500 shares, including A. T. & O. preferred, 75,000; Manhattan, 75,000; American Tobacco, 42,500; Brooklyn Rapid Transit, 35,000; U. S. Steel, 25,000; Tennessee Coal and Iron, 25,000; United States Leather, 17,727.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE.—Money on call easier at 5/32 per cent.; but loan at 1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at 48 1/2 for demand and 48 1/4 for 30 days.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.—Closing Stocks: A. T. & O. 20 1/2, A. T. & O. pfd. 20 1/2, American Tobacco 42 1/2, American Tobacco pfd. 42 1/2, Brooklyn Rapid Transit 35 1/2, U. S. Steel 25 1/2, U. S. Steel pfd. 25 1/2, Tennessee Coal and Iron 25 1/2, Tennessee Coal and Iron pfd. 25 1/2, United States Leather 17 1/2, United States Leather pfd. 17 1/2.

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BONDS

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RICHMOND STOCK MARKET

Table listing Richmond stock market prices for various companies like Chesapeake and Ohio, and others.

CITY SECURITIES

Table listing city securities and their prices, including Richmond City bonds.

RAILROAD STOCKS

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BANK STOCKS

Table listing bank stocks and their prices, including State Bank of Richmond.

MISCELLANEOUS

Table listing miscellaneous items and their prices, including various commodities.

GRAIN AND COTTON EXCHANGE

Table listing grain and cotton exchange prices for various commodities.

PEANUT MARKETS

Table listing peanut market prices for various grades of peanuts.

STOCK SMALL; RECEIPTS NEXT TO NOTHING; MARKET DULL. We quote: No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

COTTON MARKETS

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—COTTON—After a very exciting day the market for cotton futures closed firm at a net advance of 1/4 to 3/4 points. The market was active since the bull movement set in on 27 to 28 points. The highest price recorded to-day as contrasted with the one of five days ago showed an advance of 7 1/2 points. The opening of the market found ideas very much mixed, owing to the unexpected break of 2 points at 10 o'clock. The market was inclined to unload when October had been reached on the call, with the result that near month developed a decline of 1 to 3 points. Bull enthusiasm soon overcame the apprehensions of smaller lots as support in the shape of very heavy buying orders came in from all directions.

BALTIMORE MARKET. WHEAT—Firm; spot and month, 73 1/2. CORN—Unsettled; mixed, spot, 37 1/2. RICE—Firm; spot, 11 1/2. SUGAR—Firm; spot, 11 1/2.

NEW YORK DRY GOODS MARKET. NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—Dressed cottons advancing. Brown sheetings and drills strong. Good sales of four-year sheetings at 1/2. Sellers very reserved.

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NEW YORK STOCKYARDS, CLAREMONT. NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—BEEF—The quality, generally, of the offerings was fully up to the mark. Demand and prices generally off from those ruling the 23 days.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 27.—COTTON—Futures closed firm, September, 4.45 bid. FLOUR—Spot steady, 11 1/2. SUGAR—Firm, 11 1/2.

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 27.—COTTON—Spot in fair demand; price 1-3/4 higher. AMERICAN MIDDLING, fair, 1-1/4; good middling, 1-1/2; fine, 1-3/4.

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THE UNUSUAL DEAD MAN'S HAND

Colonel Bill Johnson Tells How it Was Beaten.

Encouraged by the Reception of His War Story He Attempts Another. But an Analytical Friend Brings Him to Grief.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—Colonel Bill Johnson, a noted poker player from Dayton, O., has been in the capital for the last two weeks, visiting his friend, Dave Crocherson, one of the clerks in the Treasury Department. In that time, he has participated in a number of hard-fought battles over the green cloth, and he has almost invariably proved a winner.

It was 2 o'clock in the morning two days ago when the game broke up because the Colonel had cleaned out the entire party. The game had been composed of Crocherson and the Colonel, and the latter had won the pot.

"It's a mere bagatelle," said he with a grandiloquent gesture. "But there was one game in which I played that beat anything in my life for excitement. Your cousin Joe, Anthes, was in the game, and I am surprised that he never told you anything about it. Maybe he thought that you were too young to talk poker. This is a war story, and the game was played when we were in the trenches before Vicksburg with Grant's army. It was hot work in those days, but your cousin Joe, Anthes, and two other fellows had passed the time, we all poker hands. We would sooner play a game of draw than eat. Whenever the order would come for us to rest on our arms and get dinner, the boys would get up and play a game of solitaire, and they would get out a greasy old deck of cards and start to play. Do you know what the dead man's hand is?"

Everybody confessed ignorance. "THE DEAD MAN'S HAND." "Well," continued the Colonel, "an old story has it that long ago in a Western town there was a man who was a gambler. He was a good player at poker for several days. He was getting down to close quarters, and one night he said in a disgusted sort of way, 'I believe if I did get a winning hand, I'd drop dead.' The next hand had barely been dealt, and the gambler, who had been pitched over across the table, was dead. They looked at his cards when the body had been carried away and they found that he had held the winning hand, all right. The hand was ace and eight, and since then he has always been known as the dead man's hand. Some poker players have a superstition that if they hold the dead man's hand, they will play it harder than they would a straight or a flush. Now, Jack Tucker, one of our poker-playing quarts, was one of those players.

"If there is one thing I pride myself on, it is my wonderful quickness in making up the situation and not being taken by surprise. I can tell you what happened. On this particular day of which I speak, the bullets were flying pretty thick and we had been fighting like thunder, when suddenly an order came for us to cease firing and to get something to eat. Out came several inevitable packs of cards. I drew three cards and caught a four, a nine and a ten. Tucker stood pat and so did your cousin, but the fourth man dropped out. I determined to try to win the pot by bluffing. For Tucker, who had a habit of whose hand he was in, had a habit of come back at him hard, he would drop without calling you. But this time, to my dismay, Tucker played 'em good and hard and finally your cousin Joe called the pair of us.

"I've got a pair of aces," said Joe, and I looked at that you're all bluffing and that it's the best hand out at that." "I've got the dead man's hand," shouted Tucker, triumphantly, as he reached for the pot. I would bet on that hand till the cows come home. You can't beat that hand, Johnson."

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Special Sale in Fall Line of Ladies' Underskirts and Dressing Sacques.

In knit knee lengths, blue and white, 25c. In black, lengths, dark blue and red, 50c. In knit knee lengths, blue and white, 50c. In long lengths, blue and white, 50c. In knit knee lengths, wool and silk, all colors, 50c. In long lengths, blue and white, 50c. In black, with corded flounce, 50c. In blue and white, with fuller flounce, 50c. In fancy striped, moccasin, 50c. In black, with blue and white, 50c. In violet, cerise, blue, red, etc., 50c. In black and colored mercerized, 50c. In black Italian cloth, like silk, best make, 50c. In colored and black Italian, 50c. In black silk moccasin, superior quality, 50c.

Some Dressing Sacque Prices. In blue, pink, gray, red, Elderdawn, no rough seams, but neatly cut, 50c. In blue, pink, gray, red, Elderdawn, with catch-stitch seams and silk frogs, also rib, 50c. In blue, pink, gray, red, Elderdawn, with large bordered sailor collars, that are not over braided, 50c. Dressing Robes. In best quality Elderdawn, blue and red, with blue and white, 50c. In best quality Elderdawn, blue and red, with blue and white, 50c. FEARFUL LANDSLIDES.

Hundreds of Lives Lost in India by the Recent Storms. CALCUTTA, September 17.—The great storm of Saturday and Monday which caused destructive landslides and floods, gathered at the head of the bay of Calcutta and then moved north, giving heavy rain in Calcutta, Dinapur, Ranpur, and Jalpaiguri. Its greatest fury was felt at Darjeeling. Simultaneously another storm gathered at Rangpur and passed westward from Purnea and Moulvibazar. The usual weekly reports have not been received from the government and there is reason to fear that the district named is flooded and communication interrupted.

It is estimated that between Darjeeling and Kurseong alone three hundred persons have lost their lives. The line between Darjeeling and Sonada will be blocked, probably for two months. Both the upper and the lower Pajalhoras have been carried away. A number of bodies have been recovered on the Haldia bridge. The dead bodies of the Munster Regiment are searching for bodies and clearing the roads. The storm appears to have been extended all over the northern portion of Bengal.

Considerable damage has also been done at where a number of wooden huts and the plague camp has been destroyed. The subsidence of the hills at Darjeeling continues and is causing alarm as it threatens to destroy the whole town. Although the delayed reports from many sections prevent accurate estimates, it is evident that the fatalities far exceed three hundred. No fewer than two hundred were killed in the destruction of Phool Bazaar alone, and as many as one hundred at Darjeeling. Twenty-one bodies have been recovered at Tamersongba, where it is believed that another two hundred were killed. Reports from Itanul show great destruction in the tea gardens around Pomong on Monday night.

A LEPER'S PROTEST. She Objects to a Plan to Send Her to Hawaii on an Army Transport. WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—The War Department received to-day an unusual and puzzling request from the Health Commissioner of San Francisco. It appears that a woman in that city has been discovered to be in an advanced stage of leprosy and the officials desire to send her to one of the leper colonies in Hawaii on an army transport. The woman objects to being sent to a leper colony, and has written a letter to the Secretary of War, making it clear that it will be necessary to move her. In her letter she says that she will cry 'leper, leper, unclean, unclean' from the time she is taken from her home until the time she is placed on the transport.

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